

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, knowing one's HIV status is essential in protecting one's health and the health of others; and

WHEREAS, people knowing their HIV status is critical in preventing the spread of HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, as many as 8,000 North Carolinians living with HIV or AIDS do not know they are infected; and

WHEREAS, 2,022 people were newly reported with HIV disease (HIV/AIDS) in the state in 2006 and as of December 31, 2006, an estimated 31,000 people were living with HIV or AIDS in North Carolina, including people who did not know they were infected; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30 percent of the people newly reported each year with HIV disease are also new AIDS cases; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public health campaign, *Get Real, Get Tested*, which strongly encourages people to know their HIV status and do their part to end the spread of AIDS, offers free HIV testing, identifies people living with HIV/AIDS who need care, and provides HIV and AIDS prevention and education messages for all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) launched the National HIV Testing Day Campaign in response to the growing number of HIV infections in heavily impacted communities, including communities of color; and

WHEREAS, each year, on June 27, the National Association of People with AIDS organizes National HIV Testing Day in partnership with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other national and local entities across the country to end the pandemic and the human suffering caused by HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, National HIV Testing Day sends the message to those at risk for acquiring HIV infection that there are compelling reasons for learning one's HIV status;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2007, as "NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY" in North Carolina, a day for all North Carolinians to seek out voluntary HIV testing and counseling to learn about their HIV status and thus take control of their lives.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Easley".

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.